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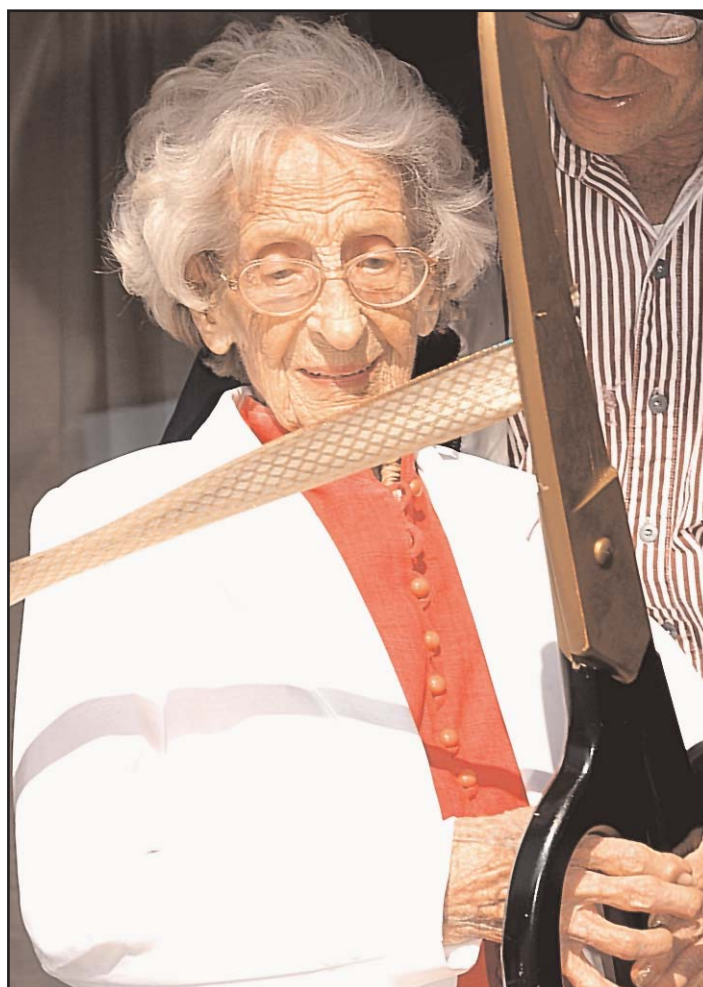


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Hortense "Tonsie" Gaudé, 103, of Biloxi cuts the re-opening ribbon Monday at Gaudé Lanes which is named after her late son, 1st Lt. Robert Gaudé. The facility has been closed since May. Story, Page 19.

Safety shouldn't take back seat for holiday travel

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Earlier this month, a San Francisco family found themselves stranded on a snowy road in the Oregon wilderness with deadly consequences.

Could Keesler travelers face similar situations as they embark on holiday trips?

Lt. Col. David Poage, the 81st Training Wing's safety chief, worries about that as people hit the road to visit family and friends.

"Bad weather, road construction, crowded highways, mechanical malfunctions and inattentive drivers are just some of the reasons that holiday travel can be dangerous," Colonel Poage pointed out.

He is particularly concerned about young non-prior service students who may be inexperienced drivers making their first long road trip alone.

"That's why our Airmen under age 26 are required to complete a travel matrix and

Air Education and Training Command Form 29B Pre-Departure Safety Briefing with their military training leader or supervisor," Colonel Poage said. "We want our Airmen to come up with a good travel plan which factors in accountability and common sense. The form provides a good list of travel variables that they need to think about."

Problems arise when travelers deviate from the plan, so the colonel said it's important to call an MTL or supervisor if changes are necessary.

"You can't always anticipate what's going to happen on the road, but you can mitigate the consequences by having a travel plan," he stated. "Make a plan and stick to it, or be sure to call back to the base if the plan changes. Keep that contact phone number handy."

During the holidays, the safety office focuses on off-

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This week in the Triangle

Financial management and comptroller, 9 a.m. today, Thomson Hall.
Aerospace control and warning systems operator, 9:30 a.m. today, Bryan Hall.
Electromagnetic spectrum management, 10 a.m. today, Hewes Hall.
Ground radio communications, 10 a.m. Monday, Jones Hall.
Airborne mission systems specialist, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.
Computer networking cryptographic system, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Bryan Hall.
Command post, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Bryan Hall.
Personnel, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Wolfe Hall.
Ground radar systems, 9 a.m., Wednesday, Cody Hall.
Weather forecaster, 10 a.m., Wednesday, weather training complex



November honor flight

Student numbers

Total students — 3,316
Non-prior service — 2,134
Temporary duty — 1,068
Joint service — 89
Combat controllers — 23
Medical — 2
Non-prior service arrivals — 138
Guard, Reserve — 688
International — 29
Fiscal 2007 graduates — 4,371
Total since 1942 — 2,238,743

COMMENTARY

We're not 'troops' or 'kids' — we're America's 'Airmen'

By Chief Master Sgt. Rod McKinley

Chief master sergeant of the Air Force

Pride in being an Airman in the United States Air Force takes many forms — the way we wear our uniform, the effort we put into our jobs, the attitude we display and the respect we show for our fellow Airmen.

All of us, whether officer or enlisted, came into our Air Force after meeting rigid mental and physical recruiting standards, and being aligned with skills our service needed. Serving as an Airman is an honor that thousands of young Americans want, but don't attain; they're turned away for various reasons at recruiting offices. Those who make it through that door then train hard to develop skills that earn them the right to be called an "Airman."

No where is this transformation more dramatic than in basic military training. Earning the title of "Airman" is commemorated with a coin ceremony and the chance to don the Air Force blue uniform for the first time. This emotional event gives the trainees an identity within our organization — they're now Airmen in the greatest air, space and cyberspace force in the world.

The sought-after title of Airman is one that each of us has worked hard to earn. Why then do we sometimes refer to our fellow Airmen, both officer and enlisted, as "troops" or "kids?" Our level of professionalism must

equal the immense responsibility each Airman carries as we continue to fight the global war on terror. We don't send "kids" into battle; we send highly-trained and motivated Airmen.

Today, more than 30,000 Airmen are deployed worldwide with many more deployed in place, and more than 4,000 Airmen are protecting America's skies.

In the global war on terror, we fly more than 250 missions a day, 45 of which are strike missions against the enemy. We conduct vital airlift for equipment and fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines with one mobility aircraft taking off every 90 seconds. We complete more than 450 satellite supports each day, providing vital data and links for wartime operations.

In addition, we have more than 4,500 Airmen on the ground supporting Army taskings in detainee operations, convoys and as interrogators. If you couple that with our direct combat positions, search and rescue, medical and other combat support roles, it's clear our Airmen are heavily engaged in winning this war. As Airmen, we have much to be proud of.

You represent our nation and service well. I'm incredibly proud of your professionalism and commitment. Let's continue to respect our heritage and our future in this great Air Force by proudly calling each other "Airman."

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Paul Capasso

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

For your convenience, below is a list of key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Base locator — 377-2890

Base operator — 377-1110

Base taxi (official use) — 377-2430

Career assistance adviser — 377-3697

Central medical appointments

— 1-800-700-8603

Child development center — 377-2211

Civil engineering — 377-5561

No call back from pharmacy

Comment — I received no response to two voice messages I left on the 376-1000 pharmacy line, so I went to the satellite pharmacy in person and reported the problem. I was told the voice mail system wasn't working and the automatic messages on the system can't be changed.

Response — With apologies for missing your messages, thanks to your call, we've trained the entire staff on retrieving calls and added this function to our daily checklist. We average about 5,000 calls a week. Voice mail is checked at noon Monday-Friday. Weekend messages are retrieved Mondays. To ensure a response, leave your name, last four digits of your social security number, prescription number, phone number and a clearly stated message. If you have problems in the future, call Karen Forney, director of customer relations, 376-3092.

For AFSSO 21 to succeed, everyone must play

By Col. Kenn Todorov

23rd Wing vice commander

MOODY Air Force Base, Ga. — I know what you are thinking: another fad, another "bumper sticker," another case of total quality management.

It's particularly true for those of you who've been around a while. Over the years, our Air Force has looked for ways to improve things, often borrowing from the latest private sector craze. Those initiatives often fell short in their relevance to military operations.

However, this time, I think it's different. Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century is very far removed from Total Quality Management or anything we've ever tried before. When the Air Force attempted to implement TQM, we tried to fit the Air Force processes and culture into a box that couldn't

accommodate our needs.

With much effort, we tried but failed. TQM brought more work than it got rid of; AFSSO 21 will get rid of more work than it brings. AFSSO 21 is designed to purge wastes of time and resources.

The program takes a start-to-finish look at how each process is accomplished, assigns a primary owner and looks to streamline things. It's intended to eliminate those work processes or steps within work processes not providing value to the Air Force mission.

By eliminating unnecessary steps, time can be better spent accomplishing tasks that provide value to the overall mission. It all boils down to producing more combat capability.

As I make my way around our wing, I'm often questioned about AFSSO 21 and its importance. AFSSO

21 is a culture change that involves everyone. Its impetus is the need for the Air Force to drive continuous improvement and innovation beyond our technology advances and into our day-to-day processes. It's about providing Airmen with the tools to improve their daily lives.

AFSSO 21 is working at Moody Air Force Base. We've invested in training facilitators to help and recently hosted two multi-day rapid improvement events.

In a few short days and with the help of the facilitators, both teams broke down a specific process into a series of steps, examined each step to determine which ones added value and which ones did not, and then combined or eliminated steps to "lean" the overall process.

We'll follow up with the team in 60 days to see how they're doing and

to make sure they're receiving the support they need from their leadership to improve their day-to-day lives. It's that simple, and it works.

While simple, we need your help to ensure success. I'm challenging you to open your mind to change. Resist cynicism and embrace AFSSO 21. I promise you the results may astonish and please you and, most importantly, allow us to better support our Airmen.

Get involved, ask questions, take a hard look at the things you do on a daily basis and ask yourself this question, "What things can I eliminate in my job without adversely impacting my mission?" Then talk about those things with your supervisors and work together to "lean" your processes.

You're on your way to becoming an AFSSO 21 believer, and for our Air Force to succeed in realizing our priorities, everyone must be a player.

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BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season gives many of us the well-deserved opportunity to relax and celebrate with friends and family. But for some the holidays can be stressful, especially when heightened by separation from loved ones. This time of year includes unique opportunities for activities and emotions that we should be both grateful for and wary of. We're asking you once again to keep a close eye on your Wingmen – your friends, loved ones and fellow Airmen – this holiday season, thus continuing to play an important role in preserving the Air Force's most precious resource – you.

Although we already put a lot of emphasis on safety, we can all do more to look out for our Wingmen. Eight of our precious Airmen have committed suicide this fiscal year. Many of these heartbreaking tragedies could have been avoided if Wingmen had intervened.

In FY06 we lost 45 Airmen to private motor vehicle mishaps and countless others were injured. Most of these could have been avoided with proper risk management decisions. During this season, in particular, many off-duty activities carry significant inherent risk that can easily be compounded by exceeding individual capabilities, drinking alcohol, failing to follow proper procedures or wear the proper gear, and failing to plan for winter travel.

It takes leadership – both from individuals and the chain of command – to prevent needless losses. Leaders at all levels must focus attention on sound individual decision making, a disciplined approach to risk management, and the importance of *Educating*, *Motivating*, and *Activating*. *Educating* means building the knowledge, skills, and character to behave safely and decrease risk exposure. *Motivating* means giving fellow Airmen the incentive to make the right decisions. *Activating* means providing the tools to act safely and ensuring each Airman understands the importance of making the right choice.

Ultimately, we can all make a difference, both for the friends and families of our Airmen and for the nation as a whole. Each life we save and each mishap we prevent translates directly into preserving combat capability for our nation. We are at war and need every Airman combat ready and in the fight.

We are grateful for the friends and family who understand and support your sacrifices, and wish them warmth and comfort this season under the blanket of security you provide. And we're grateful for Airmen who demonstrate that the defense of freedom is an unyielding endeavor and live by ideals that never take a holiday. Today, nearly 700,000 total force Airmen are answering the call to serve as part of the Joint Team, defending our nation here at home or deployed a world away. Wherever your service takes you this holiday season, be safe, proud and certain that all Americans value and appreciate you. We remain amazed by what you do every day for our great nation. You have our heartfelt thanks.

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General, USAF
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Tech. Sgt. Brian Sommers, standing, instructs Staff Sgt. Sergio Perez, left, and Airman Andrew Knapp on an airborne communications technician's trainer in Dolan Hall. Sergeant Perez and Airman Knapp are students in the last airborne mission systems specialist course being taught at Keesler.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Enlisted aircrew training winds down at Keesler



Edward Bird from ITT Industries disassembles one of the trainers for the airborne mission systems specialist course for shipping to Lackland.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Although packers are busy disconnecting and crating equipment, training continues for the last 10 students in the 1A3 airborne mission system specialist course in the 332nd Training Squadron.

The last Keesler class graduates Tuesday as part of the transition to the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"I don't look at the move as a loss for Keesler as much as a gain for the Air Force and the country," Lt. Col. Steven Ramsay, 332nd TRS commander, pointed out.

"In this era of transformation, the center of excellence makes great sense, and preparing the Airman to support the global war on terror allows the Air Force to accomplish its mission," he continued.

The new center was created to provide more efficient academic training at less cost, according to Senior Master Sgt. Dean Ross, superintendent of the enlisted aircrew training flight.

Previously, students completed basic training and took the 14-day enlisted aircrew undergraduate course at Lackland before going to survival training at Fairchild AFB, Wash., then

to 3-level specialty ground schools at various bases before going to their respective flying training units.

Sergeant Ross said by moving the ground schools to Lackland, a great deal of travel time and expense can be saved.

Over the past few months, instructors and equipment have been moved gradually so the course could begin at Lackland while still being taught at Keesler.

The first course started at Lackland Nov. 7 and graduates Feb. 7. Another class began at Lackland last week. The course lasts 55 academic days at Lackland, rather than the 50 days possible with Keesler's compressed work schedule.

Six of the eight Keesler instructors that are moving to Lackland have already departed. Three others are returning to flying, and three new instructors are coming from other bases to take their places.

"It's a unique situation," Sergeant Ross explained. "We had to do concurrent operations for the course — we couldn't shut down the training pipeline because we have programmed flying dates and needed to continue to develop aircrew members to prevent any shortfall to the annual trained personnel requirements."

"We've already completed two of the four equipment shipments," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Sommers, one of the Keesler

instructors. "It takes a lot of effort to coordinate and get the shipments out on time so they can be set up and usable in early January, but we haven't lost any training days in the process."

"The reason this process has worked so well is the outstanding planning and work from our enlisted aircrew members over the last year," Colonel Ramsay emphasized.

Another course previously taught in the 332nd TRS, the 1A4 airborne battle manager course, was the first of seven specialties to move to the new center at Lackland last spring. About 80 students in six classes have graduated since then.

In addition to those two courses, the other specialties included in the center are 1A0 aerial refuelers from Altus AFB, Okla.; 1A1 flight engineers from Kirtland AFB, N.M., Little Rock AFB, Ark. and Altus; 1A2 loadmasters from Altus and Little Rock; 1A6 flight attendants from Andrews AFB, Md., and 1A7 aerial gunners from Kirtland.

"The bottom line is that all these airmen are meeting their program flying dates and hitting real-world missions quickly," Sergeant Ross pointed out. "The field units are happy they're getting well-trained students. We've had calls from students who've only been gone eight or nine months who've already been to 40 countries."



Photos by Kemberly Groue

The scenario for the Dec. 4 major accident response exercise involved a tanker driven by a man who had a heart attack and broadsided a van with nine passengers on Ploesti Drive near the runway. Two of the van's passengers died, three had major injuries and four had minor injuries. The tanker driver survived.



Airman Matthew Thompson, a student in the 336th Training Squadron, is a crash "victim" who went through the windshield and landed on the hood. The paper in his hand lists his simulated injuries.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Pourciau, left, a Keesler firefighter, and Jack Doukas, station captain from the fire department, help Airman Basic Joshua Wattenburger move to the triage area after the collision. Airman Wattenburger, who portrays one of the injured van passengers, is a student in the 336th TRS.

Vehicular crash exercise tests emergency response



Doukas directs a fellow firefighter, Senior Airman Cornor Weathers, as they work to retain a fuel spill after the wreck.



Keesler firefighter Guy Chadwick pulls a mannequin from the tanker. The mannequin, one of the "survivors," represents the tanker driver.

Trainer ends 44-year federal career

By David Hogue

81st Training Support Squadron

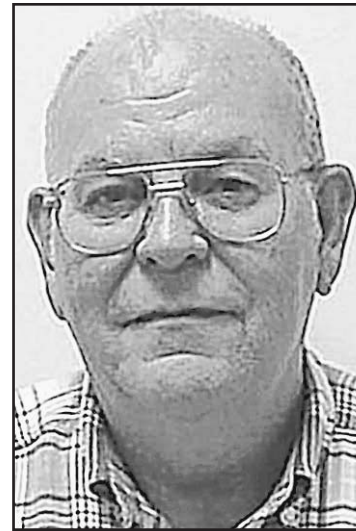
Jerry Gnau, 81st Training Support Squadron, retires Dec. 31 with 44 years of federal service.

Mr. Gnau enlisted in the Navy in 1959 and was a seaman signalman on two different destroyers.

He separated from the Navy in June 1962 before enlisting in the Air Force a month later. He attended ground radio maintenance school at Keesler before his first, and favorite, assignment as a radio maintainer at Dauphin Island Air Force Base, Ala.

In 1965, he was assigned to Royal Air Force Alconbury, United Kingdom. His next assignment at Moron Air Base, Spain, included certain communications and rescue support for NASA's Apollo 7, Apollo 8, and Apollo 9 manned missions.

His next assignment with the 752nd Radar Squadron at Empire Air Force Station, Mich., was followed by a tour



Mr. Gnau

with the 619th Tactical Control Squadron, Tansonnhut, Republic of Vietnam, where he earned the Bronze Star.

Sergeant Gnau returned to Keesler to teach ground radio maintenance in the 3413th Instructor Squadron for two years before five years as a recruiter in Uniontown, Pa.

In 1978, he was assigned to the 2052nd Communications

Squadron at Keesler and served as the chief of the ground-to-air maintenance shop. He retired in 1981 with 23 years of military service.

Four years later, Mr. Gnau returned to Keesler as a civilian instructor in the 3390th Technical Training Group's maintenance officer course. Four years later, he joined the 330th Training Support Squadron to develop interactive courseware for technical training.

For the past 12 years, Mr. Gnau has worked in the 81st TRSS as the 81st Training Group's expert in facilities resource management.

He returned to work earlier this year after successful quintuple bypass heart surgery, and when asked how he was doing, he responded with his now-famous phrase, "I'm on the right side of the grass." After retirement, Mr. Gnau insists, "I have enough things to do around the house to keep me busy for 20 more years."

He and his wife, Joan, have two sons, Rick and Keith.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Medical training

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications from active-duty enlisted Airmen for physical assistant Phase I training classes beginning in January, April and August 2008.

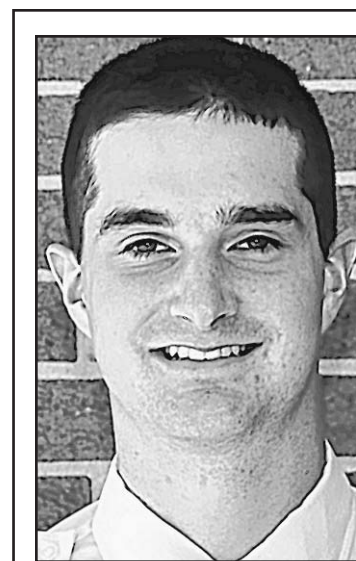
The selection board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center on March 27. Completed applications must arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 by Jan. 26.

For more information, contact local military personnel flights, education offices or the AFPC Web site.

Hap Arnold grants

March 9 is the deadline to apply for the Air Force Aid Society's Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold grant program for undergraduate studies.

The \$2,000 grants are provided to selected children of active duty, Title 10 Air National Guard members and reservists on extended active duty, Title 32



Electronic ace

Airman Basic Thomas Carter completed all seven blocks of the electronic principles course in the 332nd Training Squadron with a 100-percent average. Airman Carter, from Titusville, Pa., graduated Dec. 8 and is headed to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for the F-16 avionics system apprentice course.

guard members performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with at least 20 qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members.

Spouses of active-duty members and Title 10 Guard and Reserve members on extended active duty; and survivors of deceased members are eligible.

For more information, visit the airman and family readiness flight in old Cody Hall,

visit the AFAS Web site at <http://www.afas.org> or call 377-2179.

Civilian tuition aid

College tuition assistance is available for permanent civil service employees at Keesler.

Courses must be related to the Air Force mission.

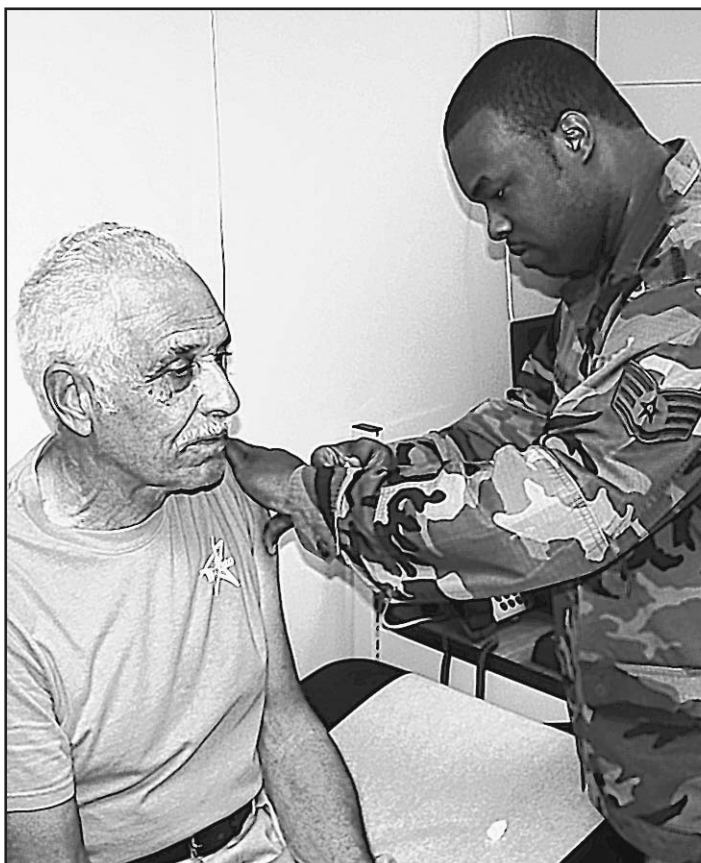
For more information, call or visit the education office, 377-2323, Room 212, old Cody Hall.

NEWS AND FEATURES

No flu for you

Staff Sgt. Javon Craig, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, gives a flu shot to Air Force retiree Elwood Isabelle of Pass Christian in the immunization clinic. A mobile vaccination team visits the 81st Supply Squadron and 81st Transportation Squadron, 8 a.m. Monday, to give flu shots to active-duty members only. For more information, call the immunization clinic, 377-6543.

Photo by Steve Pivnick



Longtime EEO specialist earns AETC recognition

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Annie Davison, equal employment manager for the 81st Training Wing, is Air Education and Training Command's nominee for the 2007 Air Force Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award in the commander action category.

Ms. Davison has spent her entire 16-year federal career in the EEO office at Keesler. Seven years ago, she won the AETC award in the complaints system category.

"She is a true leader in her field," said Col. Richard Pierce, 81st TRW vice commander, in nominating Ms. Davison. "Her caring nature is an ideal fit for supervising a major EEO organization, and client comments emphasize this fact.

"Ms. Davison ensures programs are based on a rock-solid foundation of integrity and credibility," the colonel



Ms. Davison

continued. "There's never even a whisper of impropriety from clients, no matter what the outcome."

During fiscal 2006, Ms. Davison's three-member team processed 43 contacts, including 16 informal and eight formal inquiries, cutting formal

inquiries in half and saving the government \$164,750.

As Keesler's primary alternative dispute director, she is credited with a complete makeover of the EEO/ADR image so that dispute resolution is now seen as fair and timely.

Ms. Davison is recognized as an expert instructor in the orientation training program for new supervisors with insights on civilian work force management, ways to settle civilian disputes and principles to foster a non-hostile workplace.

She's part of a team that briefs civilians affected by the National Security Personnel System that's being implemented at Keesler in January.

Ms. Davison has also assisted other AETC bases and federal agencies as an expert adviser on EEO matters.

IN THE NEWS

Medical appointments change

81st Medical Group

Effective Friday, new hours for appointment services for Keesler Medical Center are 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, with 5-6 a.m. for active-duty military only. Appointment services are closed weekends and federal holidays.

Family days vs. duty days

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 are Air Education and Training Command "family days."

Dec. 29, a compressed work schedule day at Keesler, is a duty day for military members. Air Force Instruction 36-3003 limits consecutive non-duty days to four days.

Dec. 29 remains a CWS day for civilian employees.

Customer service organizations such as personnel offices, finance and Keesler Medical Center clinics are closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Thunderbirds shows in 2007

Air Force Print News

NELLIS Air Force Base, Nev. — The Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," has announced its 2007 air show schedule.

The team is scheduled to perform more than 68 shows in 21 states and nine European countries.

The closest performances to Keesler are April 14-15, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; April 21-22, Barksdale AFB, La., and Oct. 27-28, New Orleans.

Air Force Week locations

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Six locations have been selected to host "Air Force Week" in 2007.

They are Phoenix, March 19-25; Sacramento, Calif., June 4-10; St. Louis, July 2-8; New England, Aug. 18-26; Hawaii, Sept. 10-16; and Atlanta, Oct. 8-14.

The inaugural Air Force Week took place in St. Louis in August. The success of that event prompted the Air Force to begin partnering with other communities for 2007 as part of a proactive approach in communicating to the public.

End-of-year Keesler News

By contract, the Keesler News doesn't publish during the weeks of the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays.

The last issue of the base newspaper for 2006 is Dec. 21. The first issue of 2007 is Jan. 11. The deadline for submissions to the Jan. 11 issue is noon Jan. 8.

The Keesler News office is closed Dec. 25, Christmas Day, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Due to the Martin Luther King birthday federal holiday Jan. 15, the deadline for the Jan. 18 Keesler News is noon Jan. 11, four days earlier than usual.

The newspaper office is closed Jan. 15 in observance of the holiday.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Carver Village, Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

'Gremlins' are back for holiday gift-giving

By Maj. David Malakoff

11th Wing Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — During World War II, a special publication brought some welcome light in the allies' darkest days.

But the book appealed to more than just Airmen — it charmed their children.

Now, after 63 years and the hard-fought efforts of one Air Force historian, the book is again available to Airmen in time for the holiday season.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Air Force, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is distributing a limited edition of the 1943 children's book, "The Gremlins: A Royal Air Force Story." Roald Dahl wrote the book and later went on to write "Charlie and the

Chocolate Factory," "James and the Giant Peach" and other children's classics.

The mini-mall expected 37 copies Tuesday, said spokesperson Chenelle Husband. AAFES sells the book for 25 percent off the \$12.95 retail price.

"The Gremlins is unique on many levels," said Andrew Stephens, 11th Wing historian. "The 1943 edition had only 5,000 copies published worldwide and was never reprinted, making it one of the rarest children's books in existence.

"The illustrations in the book were all done by Walt Disney Studios, many coming from the storyboards for an animated feature about the interaction between World War II allied flyers and their

magical little friends.

"The movie was never finished, but Walt Disney had committed great resources to pursue the project and the book is part of his legacy to the air forces of the world, and the U.S. Air Force in particular."

Mr. Stephens began the Gremlins Project in February, finding a rare copy of the Dahl book in the National Archives.

Mr. Dahl, then a Royal Air Force flight lieutenant, was an air attaché in Washington, D.C., when the book was written.

"His duties had him working closely alongside Air Force visionaries at Bolling Field on Operation Bolero, as well as other critical needs," Mr. Stephens said.

"Bolero was an important

mission, providing flyers, airplanes and other equipment to Britain for the extensive buildup of the Normandy invasion over a long period of time. It is likely that then-Lieutenant Dahl wrote this book as a way to de-stress from the demands of mission planning, as well as a tongue-in-cheek ribbing of mechanical problems that plagued Allied airmen."

The story goes that, after Lieutenant Dahl crashed an airplane earlier in the war, he blamed gremlins — little magical creatures that injected mischief into the everyday operations of pilots.

But Mr. Dahl's story goes further, Mr. Stephens said.

"Airmen can read this book to their children and explain

they always have someone looking out for them. Children worry that their parents go into battle alone, because they don't understand the social structure of the military," Mr. Stephens said. "The gremlins then become a metaphor for the wingmen who serve alongside us, comforting our children in the process."

Safety,

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duty mishap prevention. In addition to home safety issues, the greatest risks involve traveling to and from the home to visit family and friends.

Not driving while intoxicated is a "no-brainer," according to Colonel Poage, but several studies have indicated that drowsy driving is just as risky.

"Driving while fatigued is nearly equal in severity to DUI, and it's much more frequent," he explained. "There are a lot of people who think they can make a 12-hour drive alone by drinking coffee, making frequent stops or cranking up the radio.

"But none of these strategies is as good as having someone to talk to who'll keep you awake or notice you're getting tired and take the wheel for a while," he continued. "It's one of those times when a spouse or a friend can be a great wingman."

Seat belt use is another "must" during holiday travels.

"Using seat belts has to be automatic," Colonel Poage stressed. He mentioned a recent accident in which the passenger unbuckled his seat belt long enough to reach for a map in the back seat. Just at that moment, the driver lost control of the vehicle and the passenger was fatally injured in the subsequent crash.

Next month, AETC's January Safety Challenge kicks off with unit-level emphasis on personal risk management.

"Remember to ACT — Assess the situation, Consider options, then Take action," the colonel suggested. "It's not new, but it's simple and it works."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Civilian career Web site

Air Force civilians can access the virtual Civilian Career Brief through the AFPC secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpc-secure/default.asp>.

Once on the AFPC secure Web site, select "Civ Career Brief" from the button menu.

New CCB users must establish an account.

Civilian resource

Retirement information for Air Force-serviced civilian appropriated fund employees is available on the benefits and entitlement services team Web page, <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/best/default.asp?prods3=272&prods2=264&prods1=44>.

Click the "Retirement" link on the left side of the page and select from the available items.

Employees serviced by BEST may reach

BEST benefits counselors weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT. Employees located in the United States can call toll-free 1-800-616-3775 (press 2, then 2 again and follow the prompts).

Hearing impaired employees may reach a benefits counselor by calling toll-free TDD 1-800-382-0893.

Force shaping actions

In preparation for the next officer force shaping board in the spring, officers are encouraged to check their education levels in the virtual military personnel flight.

To correct errors, e-mail Air Force Institute of Technology's Academic Coding Branch, afit.coding@afit.edu, or send an official transcript from the college or university to AFIT Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson Way, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765.

Adoption leave of absence

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen adopting children now may be authorized up to 21 days of non-chargeable leave per calendar year.

New battle uniform distribution nears for AEF 7/8 Airmen

American Forces Print News

WASHINGTON—The Airman battle uniform is on track for distribution this spring to Airmen deploying as part of Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8.

The new ABU is in production Dec. 7 and uniforms are being warehoused.

The uniform will be ready for distribution to Airmen deploying as part of AEFs 7/8. Most Airmen will get two ABU sets and two desert combat uniform sets for their deployment.

Battlefield Airmen with Air Force specialty codes for combat rescue, special tactics, pararescue jumper, combat control, tactical air control Airmen, members of the special operations weather team, battlefield weather Airmen and explosive ordnance members will each receive four ABU sets.

By October 2007, the Air Force will begin issuing the ABU to Airmen in basic military training, and in June

2008, the uniform will be available for purchase by the rest of the Air Force in Army Air Force Exchange Service outlets.

The ABU boasts 236 different size options in both male and female sizes. Additionally, its permanent press finish means the uniform can't be starched, pressed or dry-cleaned. Airmen will be able to pull the ABU from the clothes dryer and wear it without further treatment. Any ironing could degrade the effectiveness of the uniform.

The cost for the uniform, pants and coat runs about \$81. Additional items, such as socks, T-shirts, belts and ABU-style hats, also need to be purchased.

Airmen are authorized to wear DCU-style boots with the ABU until the newly designed green boots become readily available. The green boots are priced at \$100.

The expected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is October 2011.

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377-7278



Child care requires licensing

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Instruction 34-276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states “any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval.”

It states that the “installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked.”

The rule applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

“People living in base housing who regularly care for children without being licensed may be unaware of the regulation,” said Mary Allgood, family child care program coordinator.

Licenses are granted by the 81st Mission Support Group commander, usually within 30 days of completion of initial family child care provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

“Family child care providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge,” said Ms. Allgood.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. They’re assisted by the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials to keep costs down. They set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



Three-year-old Rosangela Lopez, daughter of Miguel and Airman 1st Class Rosa Lopez, enjoys homemade chili. Her mom works in the base legal office. The 81st Services Division also served hot dogs, chili, chicken wings, cheese trays, vegetable platters, cider and hot chocolate.



Bailey Ellars, 4, pulled the switch to light Keesler's Christmas tree. Her parents are Mandy and Capt. Sean Ellars, 333rd Training Squadron.

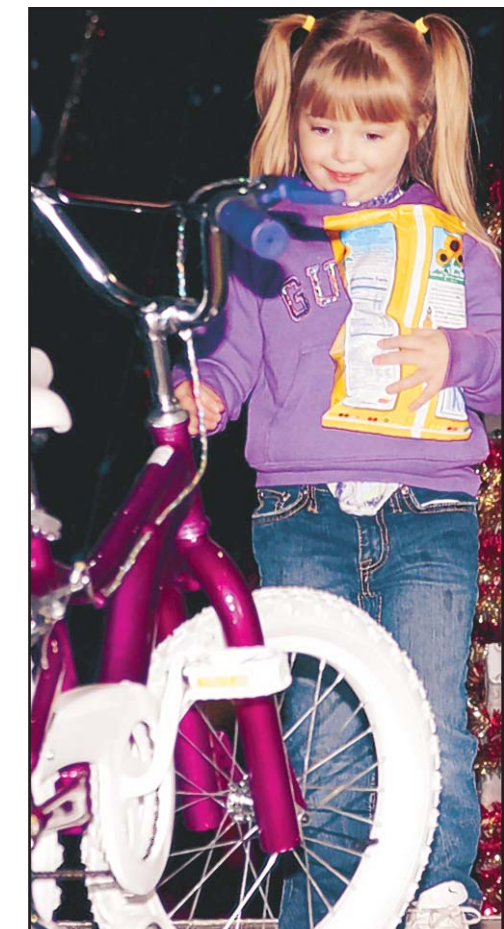


Leona Lenaz and her daughters, 1-year-old Lauren and 5-year-old Gabrielle, check out the decorations at Keesler's Holiday Party in the Park, Dec. 7 at marina park. The children's grandmother is retired Tech. Sgt. Elsie Reusch of Gulfport.

Park festivities unleash holiday spirit



Gene Fisher makes a butterfly out of balloons for Dori Kittelson, 2-year-old daughter of Kristine and Capt. Brian Kittelson, 81st Medical Group.



Four-year-old Olivia Perry won a new bicycle during the holiday celebration in the park. Her parents are Courtney and Capt. Colin Perry, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.



Four-year-olds Jace Klinger, left, and Ariana Hollyman enjoy a pony cart ride with Gwenie, driven by Christian Papale, 18. Their parents are Tech. Sgt. Nikki Klinger, 81st Medical Support Squadron; 2nd Lt. Raymond Klinger, 255th Air Control Squadron, Gulfport; Romanita and Tech. Sgt. David Hollyman, 81st Transportation Squadron, and Chris and Marie Papale, 81st Mission Support Group.



Santa, who arrived at marina park on a fire truck, tries to reassure Charley Peebles, 1-year-old daughter of Ashley and 1st Lt. Daniel Peebles, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.



Torri Rose, left, and Audrey Simmons sing Joy to the World with the youth center choir. Parents of the 8-year-olds are Master Sgt. Lionel Rose, 336th TRS; Tyrena Rose, 333rd TRS, and Aurelio and Staff Sgt. Joanne Simmons, 336th TRS.

Don't let food poisoning ruin feast

Defense Commissary Agency

Food and the holidays go hand-in-hand, but food can cause illness if not handled correctly.

Here are tips to stay healthy and fight food-borne bacteria:

Keep hot foods hot (140 °F or above) and cold foods cold (40 °F or below).

Wash your hands with soap and warm water before and after preparing raw meat, poultry and seafood.

Use a clean food thermometer to make sure raw meat and poultry have been cooked to a safe internal temperature. Wash the thermometer in hot, soapy water between uses.

Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery store shopping cart and in your refrigerator.

Consider using one cutting board for raw meat, poultry, and seafood products and another one for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Wash cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot, soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

Place cooked food on a clean platter. If you put cooked food on an unwashed platter that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood, bacteria could contaminate the safely-cooked food.

To prevent juices from raw meat, poultry or seafood from dripping onto other foods in your refrigerator, place them in sealed containers,

plastic bags or on a plate or tray. Store them on the bottom shelf so they don't drip onto foods below them.

Don't taste or use sauce that was used to marinate raw meat, poultry or seafood on cooked foods unless you boil it before applying.

The color of cooked meat and poultry is not a sure sign of its degree of doneness. Using a food thermometer is the only way to accurately determine that meat and poultry have reached safe internal temperatures.

For beef and pork, cook beef roasts and steaks to 145 degrees Fahrenheit for medium rare or to 160 for medium, ground beef and raw sausages to 160, ready-to-eat sausages to 165, and pork roasts, chops or ground patties to 160 for medium, or 170 for well done.

For poultry, cook whole birds to 180, ground poultry and stuffing to 165, and chicken breasts to 170.

Cook eggs until the yolks and whites are firm. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked.

Cook fish until it's opaque and flakes easily with a fork.

Avoid eating raw oysters or shellfish. People with liver disorders or weakened immune systems are especially at risk for getting sick.

When reheating leftovers, heat them to at least 165.

HOLIDAY NOTES

Day room decorating

Today is the deadline to enter the squadron day room decorating contest for permanent party and nonprior service dormitory residents.

To enter, call 377-3308.

Santa calling

To have your child receive a personal call from Santa Dec. 20-23, call the youth center, 377-4116, by Saturday.

Youth center party

The youth center's free holiday celebration is 2-5 p.m. Saturday for ages 6 and older.

For more information, call 377-4116.

Gift wrapping

Free gift wrapping for non-prior service students is noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at Vandenberg Community Center, with a four-gift limit per person.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

Deployed families party

A party for families of deployed military members is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the youth center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia, 377-2593 or 2179.

Tree trimming

The Christmas tree at Vandenberg Community Center is decorated 5-9 p.m. Dec. 21.

All are invited for refreshments, movies and caroling.

Holiday games

Holiday games are planned for Dec. 25-30 at Vandenberg Community Center for students who remain at Keesler during the holidays.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 377-4355.

Football party

A DirecTV football party for all Keesler personnel with pizza and popcorn is 11 a.m. Dec. 31 at Vandenberg Community Center.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

New Year's Eve

Two New Year's Eve parties are planned at base facilities.

At Gaude Lanes, festivities are planned from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 2 a.m. Jan. 1 for

ages 8 and older. Ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

Bowling, games, hors d'oeuvres, midnight toast and breakfast, party favors and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Alcoholic beverages are sold separately.

The reservation deadline is Dec. 22, and a minimum of 50 people is needed.

For prices, call 377-2817.

At Vandenberg Community Center, there's a free party from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1 with for party favors and food.

For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

Holiday rentals, shipping

Force One Rental provides United Parcel Service shipping and holiday rentals such as food servers, turkey fryers, tables, chairs and tents.

To reserve items or for more information, call 436-6714.

The store, located in Building 4818, is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

KEESLER NOTES

Recycling phone books

To recycle outdated phone books, place them by the white paper bins in your facility for pickup.

The recycling center, Building 4004, is open 7 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. weekdays for drop-offs. Bins are available for after-hours by the east fence.

Newspapers and all inserts, magazines, brown paper bags, office paper, glass bottles and jars, cardboard, code 1 and 2 plastic bottles and aluminum, tin, steel and other metals are accepted.

Electronic waste and appliances are only accepted during regular hours.

Fluorescent tubes, batteries and household chemicals are accepted only from 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays at Building 4420 across from the mini-mall.

For more information, call 377-4546.

Retiree news

Due to funding cuts, the retiree activities office is exploring alternatives for distribution of its semi-annual newsletter.

The newsletter is posted on the Keesler public Web site, <http://www.keesler.af.mil>.

Dental volunteers

The 81st Dental Squadron has openings for volunteers.

Defense Department identification cardholders are preferred.

Volunteers receive a week of training and are required to work 1,000 hours to receive a certificate of completion. They assist in operative dentistry and most specialties, including oral surgery, endodontics and residency.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

For more information, call 377-4510, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays.

TeamKid

TeamKid, a chapel program for children, meets 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in the Triangle Chapel Annex.

For more information, call 377-2520.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

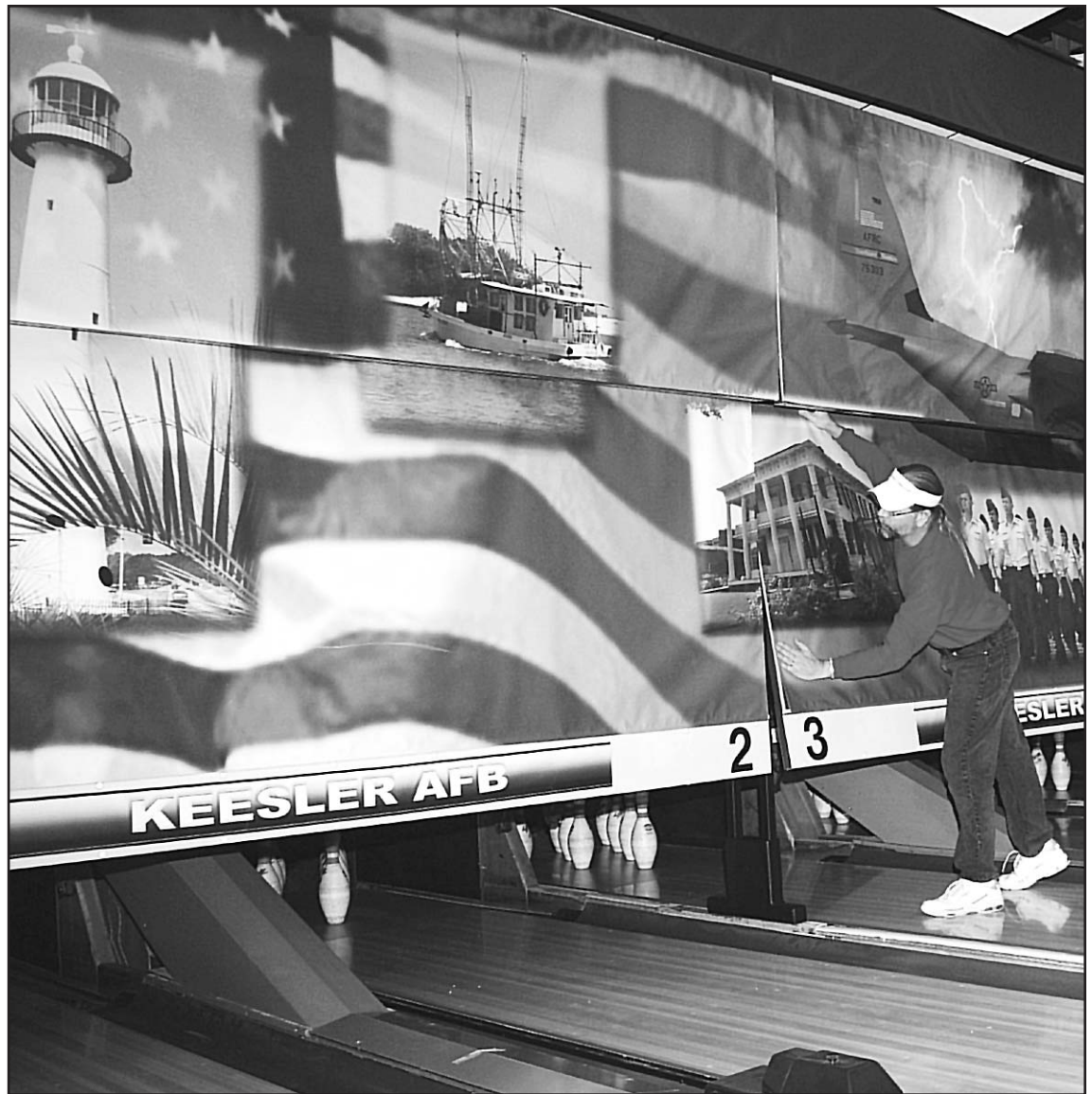


Photo by Adam Bond

Greg Schon, Gaudé Lanes manager, installs photo background masking units above the bowling lanes in preparation for the center's ribbon-cutting ceremony. Gaudé Lanes re-opened Monday after being closed since May.

Gaudé Lanes open again

By 2nd Lt. Nick Plante

Keesler News staff

Gaudé Lanes returned to the Keesler's recreational entertainment scene Monday, with improved amenities to enhance the base population's bowling experience.

The center closed in May for repairs due to the damages it sustained from Hurricane Katrina.

The lanes were replaced due to warped boards underneath the lanes, and new masking units above the lanes were purchased and replaced, said Jeanie Lessley, 81st Services Division business operations flight chief.

Ms. Lessley said the center was painted, the flooring and carpeting were replaced and the restrooms were remodeled. Other improvements include a remodeled customer service counter, new ceiling tiles, a landscaping proj-

ect and new bowling balls.

The project cost over \$329,000, said David Horner, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron project officer.

Gaudé Lanes was named after the late 1st Lt. Robert Gaudé Jr. Lieutenant Gaudé, an Air Force F-84 pilot born in Biloxi in 1930, died in combat while on a bomb run in North Korea in 1953. The bowling center was named to honor Lieutenant Gaudé's sacrifice.

Hortense "Tonsie" Gaudé, Lieutenant Gaudé's mother, attended the center's re-opening ceremony.

Mrs. Gaudé, who is 103 years old, is known for her volunteerism and service within the Biloxi community. She was invited to cut the opening ribbon at Monday's ceremony and given a tour of the facility.

For more information about the services available at the bowling center, call 377-2919.

Hurricane repairs close golf course in January



From left, contractors Chris Manu, construction supervisor Marshall Culp, Lance Farr and Logan Watley of E2M Inc. of San Antonio pull up stumps left from fallen trees near Hole 6 Dec. 7 during the debris removal phase of golf course reconstruction.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Bay Breeze Golf Course closes for play Jan. 8 for a Hurricane Katrina restoration project.

The job includes reconstructing all the greens to meet U.S. Golf Association standards and replacing the old grass with a new certified Tifdwarf Bermuda grass.

Bunkers are redesigned and reshaped for improved playability and appearance.

Major work is planned on the low lying areas on Holes 10-12, and repairs are made to the fairways on Holes 10-13.

The plan also upgrades the landscaping around the tee boxes, greens and other areas

throughout the course.

The work is scheduled for completion by October.

The project doesn't affect the driving range which is open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. Balls may be purchased from the ball machine for \$2 a bucket.

While Bay Breeze is being upgraded, golfers are encouraged to play at the Naval Construction Battalion Center's Pine Bayou Course in Gulfport. The course is open 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 871-2494.

In addition, Gulf Hills, Great Southern, St. Andrews and Bay Vista Golf Courses offer military discounts.

For more information, call 424-0479.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Women's varsity schedule

Saturday-Sunday — Ft. Benning Ga.

Jan. 11 — at Faulkner State (Mobile).

Jan. 13-14 — at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Jan. 20-21 — Eglin AFB, Fla.

Feb. 10-11 — at Mayport.

Feb. 23-25 — Southeastern Military Athletic Conference tournament at Ft. Benning.

Home games: 2 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. Sundays at Blake Fitness Center. If Blake is unavailable due to floor replacement project, games move to Dragon Fitness Center. In the event of scheduling conflicts at Dragon, some games may be moved off-base.

For more information, call Richard Vincent, head coach, 343-9951, or Teddy Johnson, assistant coach, 376-3057.

Fitness centers

Aerobics — openings for certified instructors.

For more information, call 377-8380.

Blake Fitness Center — open 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. non-working Fridays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Dragon Fitness Center — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays. Basketball court is open. Parent-child fitness room open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Parental supervision required.

For more information, call 377-2907.

Triangle Fitness Center — open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. compressed work schedule Fridays and weekends; closed holidays.

For more information, call 377-3056.

Towel service — at Blake and Dragon fitness centers is discontinued.

For more information, call 377-8380 or 7858.

Health and wellness center — 11 a.m. Jan. 5, Crotwell Track, "Walk your way through the holidays" awards ceremony.

Golf

Bay Breeze Golf Course and driving range — open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. No greens fees. Electric carts \$10 for 18 holes, \$5 for nine holes. Pull carts, \$2. Club rental:

\$5 for 18 holes, \$3 for nine holes. Driving range opens 7 a.m. daily. Bucket of 30 balls costs \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

For more information, call 377-3832 or 348-7589.

Local course support — St. Andrews, Gulf Hills and Great Southern Club courses offer reciprocal playing privileges to current members of Bay Breeze.

Bay Breeze members are required to show identification to verify their names are on the membership roster. Once their membership is verified, members pay only the golf cart fee for a round of golf.

For more information, call 348-7569.

Outdoor recreation

Deep sea fishing — reserve a boat for up to six people for \$600, including the captain and tackle. Deposit: \$300. Bring your own refreshments. Fishing license isn't required.

December fishing tournament — weigh in the largest speckled trout for the month and win \$100 savings bond.

Big buck contest — bring in deer head with most points and win \$100 savings bond.

Christmas special — 10 percent discount on fishing equipment, Monday-Wednesday.

Disk golf — fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for rent or sale.

Camping package — includes sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stove and tent.

Pontoon boat training — required before rental.

For more information, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Buddy days — bring a friend fishing and receive 10 percent discount on skiff rental.

Tennis

Clinics and league — beginner/intermediate (2.5-3.0) women's clinics 9 a.m. Mondays, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jefferson Davis campus on Debuys Road in Gulfport. League play begins in February.

For more information, call Shannon Howard, 239-5827.

Youth center

Classes — taekwondo, 5-5:45 p.m. for ages 3-5 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 6 and older, Mondays and Wednesdays. For members, \$35 per month; for non-members, \$40.

For more information, call 377-4116.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

First Term Airmen Center Class 06-25

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Airman Basic Kyle Eiler; Airman 1st Class Kyle Lively.

81st Comptroller Squadron — Airman 1st Class Troy Rivers.
81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Jessica Monroe.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airman Mary Romine Ronald Rones and Latoya Warren; Airmen 1st Class Emmanuel Balderas, Shaidra Barat, Jennifer Berry, Norlishia Holmes, Katijah Mohammed, Joshua Whicker and Lacedric Womack.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman Basic Kerry Zorns; Airmen Jeffrey Keyes and Christopher Sweebe; Airmen 1st Class Taquivia Bateman, Paul Cummings and David Javier.

81st Training Support Squadron — Airman 1st Class Joseph Jackson.

HONORS

Quarterly awards, July-September

2nd Air Force

Noncommissioned officer — Staff Sgt. Susan Tennant, 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Entry level civilian — Jack Dupree, 81st Communications Squadron.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Randy Agee, Thomas Carter, Joshua Cliver, Justin Deatherage, Gustavo Diaz, Amanda Eckert, Nathan Fenton, Matthew Foster, Danielle Garcia, David Hoffert, Garrett Lotzgesell, Gregory Luedtke, Kyle Mann, Eric Miles, Jason Owens, Billy Patrick, Andrew Petrovsky, Alisha Pochmara, Thomas Spase, Carrie Stallings, Sean VanHorn and Charles Walker; Airmen William Dunn, Jacob Oakland and Eric Rollmann; Airmen 1st Class Emmanuel Aguilar, Michael Greenley, Logan Hatcher, Steven Koeber, Nicholas LaFollette, Christopher Mannifield, Philip Mayes, Tony Morris, Justin Parker, Anthony Prince, Trevor Wallace and Paul Wert; Tech. Sgt. Kenyon DeGreene.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations flight — Airmen Basic James Ashton, Seth Bolz, Constance Dietrich, Kevin Garlock, Nathan Grosse, Johnathan Hulsey, Eric Minor, Jason Owens, Lord Quimson and Christopher Willis; Airmen Joshua Busch and Philip Irwin; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Carney, Gary Cobb, Kyle McQuiston, Golman Myers, John Stacy and Chad Watson; Senior Airman David Caldwell; Staff Sgts. John Gaunt, Steven Schuyler and Jeff Sienkiewicz.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Saturday Mass

Triangle Chapel.....5 p.m.

Sunday Mass

Triangle Chapel9 a.m.

Daily Mass

Triangle Chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-661-747-4738.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Roddy Dennis, Andrew Gullinese, Krystle Kleman, Jennifer Reynolds, Thomas Rutherford, Joshua Sanford and Zachary Sickler; Airman Matthew Long; Airmen 1st Class Michael Parker, Jesse Shiner, Nathan Smith, Jessica Stull; Tech. Sgt. Paul Butts.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Manuel Andrade, Britiane Andrews, Raphael Bethea, Jenna Hoffman, LaShunda Johnson, Tiffany Madden, Krystal Oinonen, Devonne Parker, Siddharth Sunny and Nortaya Taylor; Airman Melissa O'Neill Henry; Airmen 1st Class Turquoise Bryant, Raina Hampton, Blake McCartney, Takitta Sharp, Michael Smith, Frederick Winters and Evan Wright; Senior Airman Michael Fillinger; Staff Sgts. Jacob Barnes and Lewis Keys; Master Sgts. Penny Johnson, Kelly Reader-Griffiths and Maryanna Schmid; Charlene Kapp.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Jaccob Ballard, David Blair and Joshua Mangan; Marine Pfc. Amanda Anonsen; Airmen 1st Class Cody Drees, Catherine Martin, Daniel McGonigle, Aaron Rackley, Shane Sutton, Brett Sydnor and Christopher Tuck; Senior Airman Craig Jackson; Staff Sgts. Randy Jones and David Winegar; Tech. Sgts. Bill Barry, James Durio, Blaine Listenbee, Melissa Sprague, Phillip Whitworth and Joseph Williamson.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Troy Butolph, Derrick Elkins, Derrick Patterson and Billy Steelman; Airmen Jeffery King and Thomas Kurtz; Airman 1st Class David Wright; Senior Airmen Kenneth Elwood, Kellie Kovar, Justin Pounders, Krista Schuerooff, Karl Schultz and Jack Wrobel; Staff Sgts. Aaron Brewer, Uy Chhay, Scott Hopper, Donald Ringgold and Kevin Strattan.

Communications and information training flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Fultz, Jessica Guzman, Quincy Harris, Victor Hernandez, David Maher, Kasey Mills, Ronreco Smith, Christopher Taylor and Shrelle Wilson; Airmen Jessica Burton and Jessica Ricks; Airmen 1st Class Luis Lopez-Rivera, Amanda Manning and Monique Nelson; Staff Sgts. Lonnie Potts and Jenny Robinson.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Brittany Achor, Daniel Antillon, Wesley Chapman, Kristina Delaossa, Sean Dunn, Chad Estes, Christopher Gyolai, Matthew Hardy, Willie Harrell, Christopher Harris, Robert Holden, Jerred Lute, Ryan Majors, Shawn McCormick, Bobby McGlothlin, Thomas Mendez, Adam Nelson, Cruz Ramirez, Camden Rodriguez, Jason Saucedo, Gary Thorn, Nathaniel Thornton, Mitchel Tolsma, Ashley Vines, Lamar Watson, William Welch, Calvin Wilcox, Eric Will, Alphonso Williams, Robert Willson and Noah Zell; Airmen Justin Barnhill, Patrick Chandler, Derek DeArment, Robert Duenas, Ronwaldo Empeno, Aaron Gemalsky, Christopher Gray, Joshua Hall, Cody Hartzell, Anthony Howard, David Jackson, Anthony King, Jeremy King, Eric Landon, Timothy Martin, Larry Noonan, Francisco Nunez, Nathaniel Petty, Michael Speakman, Donald Wentworth and Brandon Williams; Airmen 1st Class Faiyaad Alam, Matthew Andes, Brian Belcher, Brandon Blaisdell, Erik Bowcock, Milton Brinkley, Timothy Call, Clint Chin, Aaron Day, Jason Dearmond, Jordan Dombrowski, William Eliason, Kyle Emerick, David Evers, Joaquin Figueroa, John Filleau, Jonathan Fleury, Alexander Glasco, Michael Hargon, Brian Henson, Randy Hestand, Charles Jarvis, Chadwick Keffer, Antonio Leach, Nicholas May, Gregory McCord, Robert Mixon, Marty Mogridge, Timothy Munoz, Tony Nuttall, Brett Orehowsky, Eric Peterson, Andrew Pratt, Derek Ridenour, Nathan Risner, Rafael Rodriguez, Matthew Routa, Andrew Saulls, Todd Sisson, Michael Smith, Gabriel Vavra, Jeffrey Witte and Nicholas Woodard; Senior Airmen Brandon Benefield, Rachel Hill, John Ludlow, Aaron Miner, Shaun Ripley, Steven Smith, Alex Torres, Kyle Tschida and Kenneth Whitted; Staff Sgts. Ricardo Camacho, Alejandro Carrola, Christopher Cheathen, Delahno Chouteau, Joel Cook, Scott Crawford, Keith Downey, Marty Escalante, Shirodk Faison, Kenneth Gosson, Shonda Robinson, Timothy Smith and Richard Wysong; Tech. Sgts. Stephen Crandell, Ricky Grissom and Jesus Torres; Master Sgt. Russell Morrison.

Ground radio apprentice course — Airman Basic Joshua Martin; Airmen Billy Flournoy, Walter Heidelberger Jr. and Jonathan Hempfing; Airmen 1st Class Ryan Connolly, Hank Hale, Tiaisha Haynes, Eric Huff and Christopher Tortoris; Tech. Sgt. Robert Fisher II.

Radar systems flight — Airmen Charles Boyd, Stanley Graham, Johnathan Jones, Daniel O'Brien, Robert Smith and Robert Wayland; Airmen 1st Class Kent Hadler, Joshua Hankinson and James Lewis; Staff Sgt. Gary Gilles.

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36 Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38 Thomson Hall
:09	:39 New Cody Hall
:11	:41 Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42 Rental store
:13	:43 Shaw House
:14	:44 Old base exchange
:15	:45 McBride Library
:16	:46 Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47 Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48 Sablich Center
:19	:49 Dental clinic
:20	:50 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51 Base operations
:22	:52 Hangar 4

Technical training route

5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

COAST AREA TRANSIT

Keesler Express — runs between the Triangle and Edgewater Mall. Bus service begins from the base, 5:50-8:30 p.m. work days, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. down Fridays and Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

The route is limited to specific pickup and dropoff points:

Minutes after hour, bus stop

:30	Hercules Street bus stop
:32	Welch Auditorium
:45	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:54	Arrive Edgewater Mall
:00	Depart Edgewater Mall
:09	Pass Road Wal-Mart
:22	Welch Auditorium
:24	Hercules Street bus stop

The regular adult fare is \$1. An unlimited one-day pass is \$5 and one-month pass is \$45.

For more information, call 896-8080.

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas, New Year's Day

Editor's note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the holiday season. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Keesler News — closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Commissary — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec 24; closed Dec. 25; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 1.

Triangle postal service center — open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 21 through Jan. 2; closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.
Arts and crafts center — closed Dec. 23-Jan. 2.
Auto hobby shop — closed Dec. 23-Jan. 2.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — 7 a.m. to dusk daily; no rental carts available.

Child development center — closed Dec. 25, 29 and Jan. 1; Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2 based on survey of parents.

Family child care office — closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
Live Oak Dining Facility — 5:30-7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5-6:30 p.m. workdays; 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5-6:30 a.m. New Year's Day, down Fridays and weekends; 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 25 — retirees and their families may attend.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5-6:30 p.m. work days; 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. nonworking Fridays, weekends and New Year's Day; 7-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 25.

Azalea Dining Facility — closed Dec. 23 until 6 p.m. Jan. 3.
Blake Fitness Center — closed Dec. 25; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 26-Jan 2.

Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed Dec. 22-Jan. 1.
Gaudé Lanes — closed Dec. 24-30 and Jan. 1-2, closed; 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve party.

Information, ticket and trip office — closed Dec. 19-28.
Katrina Kantina — closed Dec. 22-29.
Mini-mart — open 24 hours.

McBride Library — closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1; open noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 22-23 and 26-30.

Outdoor recreation — closed Dec. 22-26 and Jan. 1.
Vandenberg Community Center — 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 21-23; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24, 26-29; 11 a.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1 for New Year's Eve parties; noon to 6 p.m. Jan. 1-2.

Halftime Café — closed Dec. 18-Jan. 5 for renovation.
Veterinary clinic — closed Dec. 25-26.
Youth center — closed Dec. 23-Jan. 1.
Car wash — open 24 hours.
Fam camp — open 24 hours.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 07-1 — graduation today.
Class 07-2 — Jan. 8-Feb. 15.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 07-1 — graduation today.
Class 07-2 — Jan. 9-Feb. 16.

Arts and crafts center

Toast to holiday treats — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. working Fridays. Light snack, create gifts and decorations, craft demonstrations.

Cooking class — 1 p.m. Friday. Holiday treats; call for details.
Advanced pottery — 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Three spaces per class. \$40. Beginners pottery class prerequisite.
Sewing — 1 p.m. Saturday. \$30. Holiday gifts and decorations.
Ceramic painting — Christmas project for your table or to give as a gift; call for details.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$20.
Advanced matting — \$25. Beginners framing prerequisite. For date and time, call 377-2821.

Engraving shop — variety of items for unique gift-giving.
Beginner auto care classes for groups — call for details.
Winterize your vehicle — check antifreeze and pick up free checklist.

Oil collection site — for privately-owned vehicles.
24-hour coin-operated car wash — features foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

Vehicle resale lot — on Tingle Street, north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building on Larcher Boulevard. To place a vehicle on the lot, bring your registration, license and proof of insurance to multi-craft shop in the arts and crafts center. \$5 for two weeks, \$10 for month.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex through May. For more information, call 377-2520.

Protestant Sunday school — 9:15-10:15 a.m. class available for babies, toddlers and adults.

Team kids Sunday — 4-5:30p.m. grades K-6.
Men's Bible study — Tuesdays noon-1 p.m.
Women's Wednesday morning Bible class — 9-11 a.m.
Wednesday night youth Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m.

Family advocacy

Anger management — 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. For more information, call 377-6216, 376-3458 or e-mail susan.pyles@keesler.af.mil.

1-2-3 Magic— parenting class; to register call 376-3457.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Veterans benefits briefing — 1-4 p.m. Jan. 24, Feb. 15, March 15, April 5, May 10, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Lana Smith, 377-8593 or 2179 or e-mail lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

Mandatory pre-separation briefings — Tuesdays at 8:30-9:30 a.m. for those separating with honorable discharges and 9:30-10:30 a.m. for retirees. Afternoon sessions are Thursdays at 1-2 p.m. for those separating with honorable discharges (not general under honorable conditions) and 2:30-3:30 p.m. for retirees. Briefings are in Room 122, old Cody Hall. Bring one copy of separation or retirement orders. This is a mandated appointment, required by law, and must be accomplished 90 calendar days before the separation/retirement date. For short-notice separations or retirements, the briefing should be done as soon as possible.

Transition assistance program workshop — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 22-24, Feb. 12-14, March 12-14, April 2-4, May 7-9, June 18-20, July 16-18, Aug. 13-15, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, Nov. 5-7 and Dec. 10-12 in Room 151, old Cody Hall. Dress is business casual — no jeans, T-shirts or uniforms. To pre-register, call Lana Smith, 377-8593 or 2179 or e-mail lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement briefings — intended for those with less than a year until retirement, 8-11 a.m. Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 3, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, in Room 151, old Cody Hall. To pre-register, call Lana Smith, 377-8593 or 2179 or e-mail lana.smith@keesler.af.mil.

Palace Chase briefings — 10 a.m. first two working Fridays of the month, Room 203, Garrard Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Walker, 377-2116.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Free gift wrapping — noon to 5 p.m. Sunday for nonprior students only; limit four gifts per person.

Decorated squadron day rooms comtest — permanent party and nonprior service residents. To enter, call 377-3308 no later than today. Judging Tuesday; winners announced Wednesday.

Home for the holidays — 5-9 p.m. Dec. 21. Help us decorate our Christmas tree. Free refreshments, movies and caroling.

Holiday exodus games — Dec. 25-30. For more information, call 377-3308.

Direct TV football party — 11 a.m. Dec. 31 for nonprior service students only.

New Year's Eve party — 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 for non-prior service students only. \$3. DJ, dance, party favors and food.

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays
Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Game night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Board games, cards, ping pong tournament and more.

Dance revolution — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.
Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before nonworking Fridays, Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Direct TV NFL Sunday Ticket — up to eight games.
Half Time Café — Open for lunch and dinner. Buffet specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Wednesdays Italian \$5.95, working Fridays catfish \$6.50.

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Today

Lunch — orange-spiced pork chops, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and cream of broccoli soup.

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Dinner — corned beef, cornbread, pineapple chicken, Yankee pot roast, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, blackeyed peas, three-bean salad, pasta salad, clam chowder, garden vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, egg noodles, gravy, peas, sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, cornbread, pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken and pork chops, beef fajitas, jalapeno cornbread, refried beans, corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, jalapeno corn bread, spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

Katrina Kantina

All ranks invited — snacks, beverages and music in the marina building overlooking Biloxi’s Back Bay. Open 3:30 p.m Tuesdays-working Fridays; closed nonworking Fridays.

Football frenzy — noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Taco Tuesday — Tuesday. Members two tacos for \$1, nonmembers \$2.

Thirsty Thursday — 5 p.m. today. Soup and sandwich, \$5 for members, \$7 nonmembers.

Random cash giveaway — once a week between 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$50 given to a club member; must be present to win.

Catering — our caterer can help you plan weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Youth center

Annual membership — \$25 for ages 6 and older. Receive discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

Youth holiday celebration — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, ages 6 and older, hosted by the 334th Training Squadron.

Art and cultural fine arts exhibit — Monday through Dec. 22 during regular hours.

Free Santa calling service — register your child at the center no later than Friday for call Wednesday through Dec. 23.

Basketball registration — through Dec. 22 for ages 6 and older. \$30 members, \$35 non members.

Power hour — 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9-16.

Movies and snacks — 5 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

Self-directed activities — 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays for ages 9-18. Free for members, 50 cents daily guest fee.

Movies and snacks — 4 p.m. Mondays, ages 9 and older.

TRAIL Keystone Club meeting — 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Dec. 19, ages 13-17.

Creative corner — 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Art projects, story telling or poetry writing.

Wacky Wednesday — 5-6 p.m. Board, table game tournaments.

Dance — 4:15 p.m. Thursdays, ages 3-5; 5 p.m. ages 6 and older. \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers.

Instructors needed — for youth programs, including those for preschoolers and special classes. For more information, call 377-4116.

MOVIES

Editor’s note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Saw III (R, 107 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Flushed Away (PG, 85 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Borat (R, 84 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Flags of Our Fathers (R, 132 minutes).